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U.S. DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

Aug 31, 2021

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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON**

MARIA S.¹,

Plaintiff,

vs.

KILOLO KIJAKAZI, ACTING
COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL
SECURITY,²

Defendant.

No. 1:20-cv-03197-MKD

**ORDER GRANTING
STIPULATED MOTION FOR
REMAND PURSUANT TO
SENTENCE FOUR OF 42 U.S.C. §
405(g)**

ECF Nos. 16, 17

Before the Court is the parties' Stipulated Motion for Remand, ECF No. 17,
requesting remand of the above-captioned matter to the Commissioner for

¹ To protect the privacy of plaintiffs in social security cases, the undersigned
identifies them by only their first names and the initial of their last names. *See*
LCivR 5.2(c).

² Kilolo Kijakazi became the Acting Commissioner of Social Security on July 9,
2021. Pursuant to Rule 25(d) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Kilolo
Kijakazi is substituted for Andrew M. Saul as the defendant in this suit. No further
action need be taken to continue this suit. *See* 42 U.S.C. § 405(g).

1 additional administrative proceeding pursuant to sentence four of 42 U.S.C. §
2 405(g). Attorney Jeffrey Schwab represents Plaintiff. Attorney Thomas Elsberry
3 represents Defendant. The parties have consented to proceed before a magistrate
4 judge. ECF No. 6.

5 After consideration, **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that:

6 1. The District Court Executive is directed to substitute Kilolo Kijakazi as
7 the Defendant and update the docket sheet.

8 2. The parties' Stipulated Motion for Remand, **ECF No. 17**, is **GRANTED**.

9 3. The above-captioned case be **REVERSED** and **REMANDED** to the
10 Commissioner of Social Security for further administrative proceeding pursuant to
11 sentence four of 42 U.S.C. § 405(g).

12 The parties have stipulated to the following:

13 On remand, the Appeals Council will instruct the ALJ to:

- 14 • Reevaluate the medical evidence, including the opinions of Drs.
15 Carstens, Ford, and Ruddell;
- 16 • As necessary, reevaluate the allegations of limitation from Plaintiff in
17 light of the reevaluated medical evidence;
- 18 • Reevaluate Plaintiff's residual functional capacity; and
- 19 • Complete the sequential evaluation process, obtain vocational expert
20 testimony as necessary, and issue a new decision.

1 *See* ECF No. 17 at 1-2.

2 3. Judgment shall be entered for **PLAINTIFF**.

3 4. Plaintiff's Motion for Summary Judgment, **ECF No. 16**, is **STRICKEN**
4 **AS MOOT**.

5 5. Upon proper presentation, this Court consider Plaintiff's application for
6 fees and expenses under the Equal Access to Justice Act, 28 U.S.C. § 2412(d).

7 The District Court Executive is directed to enter this Order, **enter**
8 **Judgment**, forward copies to counsel, and **CLOSE THE FILE**.

9 DATED August 31, 2021.

10 s/Mary K. Dimke
11 MARY K. DIMKE
12 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
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